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Olivet Lutheran, Los Angeles, Calif., Dedicates New Church
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News and Notes

Dedication of Olivet Lutheran at Los Angeles. Olivet Lutheran Church, which has mothered several of the home mission congregations in the Los Angeles area, has now relocated. The first unit was dedicated March 20. We understand there is a property worth over \$200,000.00. We also understand that there already is an influx of new people and Sunday school children. The Rev. J. M. Girtz is pastor of the church. Here is the story of the dedication.

Sunday, March 20, 1955, will always linger in the memories of all Olivetans as one of the great days in the life of the church. There have been great days in the past, this was another to add to that lovely string of pearls, that constitute our sweet and good memories.

All hands had striven hard to get in readiness for the day. Clamorous labor had knocked with vigorous hands upon every golden gate of opportunity in perfecting the third Olivet Church. Pride and labor, sacrifice and great effort, even tears and laughter had gone into the building of this new House of God. And now we were all ready and eager for the D-Day, the day of Dedication.

Our genial Bishop, former pastor of Olivet, and now president of our synod, Dr. Hans C. Jersild, was here to lead us in the festivities. As one man said: Dr. Jersild makes us all feel good! And so it was. We had our rehearsal the evening before, so we were all in readiness.

Our service began with "The Opening of the Doors." Here the president of our church, J. Arthur Rasmussen, led on with words of welcome, and a statement of purpose. A prayer of thanksgiving was said by our President Jersild, and Psalm 84 was read. Then in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, the key to the door of the church was given by Mr. Eilert Voge, our general contractor, to Emanuel Jensen, the chairman of the building committee, who unlocked the door. With the singing of a hymn we began to enter the church.

AT THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER SYNODICAL YEAR

The year of our Church is drawing to a close. It runs from May 1 to April 30th. It has been a year of rich blessings from God's great hand of mercy and love. We can but stand in humble gratefulness before Him because He is wonderfully good and His mercy endureth forever.

In the area of giving our Church has responded in a big way. The much increased budget set up at last year's convention is reaching toward its goal. We are confident that under God and by His grace our people will do it again. In these times of God-given prosperity in our land we are under a greater obligation to realize our goal for God's work.

Following are the receipts and the needs as of April 18, 1955:

			Amt. to be	
	Budget	Amt. Rec'd	Raised	Percent
Children's Homes	\$14,750.10	\$16,649.87		112%
School Fund	83,300.00	63,135.52	\$20,164.48	75%*
General Fund	25,000.00	20,228.69	4,771.33	80%*
Home Missions	58,646.00	49,197.23	11,702.77	83%*
Indian Mission	7,550.00	7,160.46	389.54	94%*
Utah Mission	1,542.00	1,487.51	55.49	96%*
Pension Fund	65,880.00	44,735.64	21,144.64	67%*
	\$256,668.10	\$202,594.90	\$54,073.70	78%*

Note that the Children's Home budget is oversubscribed. We are still much in arrears on the school, home missions, and pension funds. We earnestly call upon you to do your best that these already fixed obligations shall be fully met. To aid in this matter we are extending the year for some days.

We are in this giving contributing to that which is most worthwhile, that which is most urgent, that which is fruitful unto the best returns: the rescue of souls, the strengthening of hearts, the building of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap." Luke 6:38.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Hans C. Jersild

Jack Cole, our miracle sound-man, had all things in order. Bells and chimes sounded out over the whole place. When they ceased, Marie Mogensén, our organist, began to play her lovely preludes. The preludes having ended, and the people having been seated, thirteen pastors, led by Dr. Jersild, began the processional to the strains of the great hymn: "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord." The Senior and Junior choirs followed, and soon we were all standing silently with heads

bowed, as the Officiant began with the Trinitarian Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

In the words of the solemn and sweet liturgy of church, that is perfumed with the devotions of the ages, we continued, and the whole church, and the church house was dedicated to the service and glory of God and the salvation and service of all who would come within our gates.

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News and Notes

DEDICATION OF OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

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local pastors of our synod read lessons for the dedication. Dr. Ed Falde, President of the California District of the E.L.C. brought soul-stirring sermon.

et is unique, as it has daughter nes. These pastors, Allan D. n of St. Paul's, Lynwood, Wil-Hanson of Trinity, Norwalk, and a Kloth of Valley, North Holly- who serve these daughter con- tions brought their greetings, in their own inimitable way. r they stirred the hearts of the ans, as each of the churches ented has greatly outgrown the r church.

cor Paul Baumgartner, vice- ment of California District, A. L. r. Carl Segerhammer, President rnia Conference, Augustana; r E. E. Torkko, of the Finnish ran Church; Pastor Oscars rgs, of the Latvian Lutheran h; and Pastor John Steinhaus, ary, Pacific Southwest Synod, C. brought greetings from their s. This was all very deeply ap- ted by our people.

Junior Choir and the Senior ably assisted in the Service ghout and rendered their special ers. All was in the festive mood; heart was glad!

With the recessional pastors and r, building committees and church il marched out the long cloister- talk to the new parsonage. This also dedicated by our good Pres- Jersild. With the strains of

"Thank We All Our God," the ation activities came to an end. the end is not yet," for Luther- cannot forget their obligations as

and so there was the sumptu- coffee table for all our members, s and guests. And even as the

was sinking in the golden West, the lights began to come on in the heavens above, and the stars

and down in benediction, and the began to come on over the far- es of our great city, and the

began to come in all the rooms r new church and church house, the garden, which had suddenly

g to life, under the magic touch r. Arnold Soe, Mr. Jens Chris- en and all their able helpers be- also to glow in the lights that had

fixed to play upon it, so that it oked like a part of that Eden that had been, and of which it gave

promise that it once more would come, when sin and shame and death shall be no more, and we as God's children shall walk in that land of pure delight, in the Garden of the Land of Promise, where the sun shall never go down, where the Sun of Righteousness shall be our light for ever and ever.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA'S F.W.C.

In this area the Forward With Christ cause is proceeding as scheduled. Some congregations have found it necessary to make minor changes for their particular situation. Those having more than one congregation in the parish adapt the plan to their conditions.

It has been found that the Forward With Christ ingathering is sound in theory and noble in motivation. Of equal importance with both of these is the knowledge that such efforts that we make, are for the advancement of the work of Christ. We find some that are not so enthused, but until they are made more aware of the need, that is to be expected. Most good causes are not seen and accepted without the proper education and explanation.

Most of the Churches in this area have already picked out their dates for meeting, and some have already had one instruction period. Others have changed the schedule to meet their situation. However, it is anticipated that all will be a part of the great number that go out and make practical application of their training on May 15th. The area includes:

1. Edina Community Church, Edina, Minnesota
2. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
3. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hazelwood, Minn.
4. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minn.
5. Farmington Lutheran Church, Farmington, Minn.

Robert P. Hansen, Chairman

Southwest Iowa W.M.S.

The southwest Iowa W.M.S. Circuit meeting was held at the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Shelby, April 19, 1955. Approximately one hundred representatives from Underwood, Neola, Avoca, Council Bluffs and Shelby were present. Mrs. Henry Stock, president of the Shelby United Workers, had charge of the meeting. A greeting was read from Mrs. H. Irving Petersen, our state president. Special music was furnished by Pastor and Mrs. Stanley Carlsen and a women's quartette. Mrs. Levi Sever- sen led in scripture reading and prayer. Pastor Arnfeldt Morck, mission-

ary on furlough from Colombia, South America, was the guest speaker. He gave a most interesting and challeng- ing message stressing that his main purpose was to inform the people at home that their investment in Colom- bia has not been in vain.

A generous offering was received to be sent to foreign missions.

SOUTH DAKOTA W.M.S.

The W.M.S. circuit meeting was held at the Spring Valley Lutheran Church of Viborg, S. D. April 13th with guests from Sioux City, Beres- ford, Viborg, Turkey Valley and Spring Valley churches. Mrs. Harold Nielsen of Spring Valley presided.

Rev. Arnfeld Morck, missionary from South America was guest speak- er and also showed some interesting pictures.

An offering was given for the fur- therance of this work.

Pastor K. R. Jensen of Viborg spoke briefly as did Rev. Erlander of Beres- ford and also Mrs. Frantz Lund of Sioux City.

Special music was furnished by a group of Ladies from Turkey Valley and a quartette and Solo by ladies from Spring Valley.

Rev. H. S. Madsen pronounced the benediction and offered prayer at the close of the meeting.

The noonday meal was served in the church parlors, and coffee at the close of the meeting.

The Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the District of Illinois met at the home of Mrs. Donald Hagen, Chicago, Ill. Plans were made in regard to the forth- coming convention at Edmore, Mich.

St. Peters Lutheran Church at North Luck, Wis. The members are making plans and preparations to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our church this year. June 1 through June 5 will be especially festive days when we will have three sons of our congrega- tion with us as guest speakers, namely, Dr. Clifford Madsen, Pastor George Robertson and Pastor Clarence Jen- sen. We also hope to have some of our former pastors with us during these days as well as many former members and friends. Lodging will be provided for those who desire to come and be with us for any or all of these days. All visitors will be very wel- come. The Rev. Otto Nielsen is Pastor of the Church.

Northwest Iowa W.M.S. A W.M.S. Circuit Rally was held at Ringsted, Iowa on April 14. About one hundred twenty-five were in attendance from Royal, Spencer, Oyens, Marcus, Graet- tinger, Dolliver and Ringsted.

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MY MAKE-BELIEVE MOM

By Helen Gregg Green

Billy and I are writing down some of those things that we especially like in a mother. Billy can tell about his mother, but my mom died when I was 3 years old; I am now 12. I'll have to write about a make-believe mom. I know what I like in the other fellows' moms, so it won't be hard—not a bit.

I'd like my mother to have laughter in her eyes, lots of merry ways, and, when I'd done something I shouldn't have done, to tell me, "I'm sorry about that, Sonny, but I make mistakes, too!" I'd know very well she didn't mean I was to take advantage of her being nice and keep on making the same mistakes.

I should want my mom to talk regular about the things a boy needs to know—both important big things and little things. Sometimes parents seem to forget we start from scratch and have everything to learn. They expect us to know more than we've had any chance to find out. I'd like a mom who'd sit down, gentle-like, and talk to me about religion, explain death, and help me to understand some of the problems I'm going to have. I want to know how wars get started and why we can't stop having them.

Then, the mom I'd like would let me play anywhere in the house. Our housekeeper won't let me play here, won't let me play there. She says I might scratch the furniture. I try to ask dad what's a house for anyway? But he's busy; he looks out of the window and doesn't hear me.

And I'd like my mom to be nice to all the boys I bring home. They don't seem to want to come to our house. Billy Potter says, "Shucks, it's too big and formal." It's like my dad, I guess. When I introduce the neighborhood fellows to her, as I do to Mrs. Black, I want her—my mom, I mean—to smile and say, "Yes, I've heard Bob talk about you," or ask them to dinner or tell them she hears they have a new baby at their house. But Mrs. Black sort of freezes up, and pretty soon the boys say they have the grass to cut, or something like that, and I'm left alone in this big house, which is as lonesome as all get out.

A boy has problems. Nobody ever seems to think of

that. But my mom would take a lot of interest in me as a boy. My biggest problem is not being allowed to have a dog. Mrs. Black says she won't have one around the house, and dad and that pretty girl he brings to dinner sometimes, the one with the honey-colored hair, never seem interested in whether a boy needs a dog or not.

Then I want to know what I should do to show my friends' mothers the way I feel about their being so nice to me. I'd like to take them candy or something special, but no one will talk this over with me. No one seems to listen. I keep thinking about how fine it'd be to have a listening mom. She'd really take an interest in what goes on at school.

My dad wants big grades. But he never talks about school, except in a far-off sort of way. He sends me to camp, but he doesn't know what I do there. And this mom would talk about my going to Sunday school. Dad never takes any interest in it, and Mrs. Black says she doesn't see why I need to go to Sunday school. But what if I had a mom she'd think it a swell idea. I still kneel down every night and say my prayers, the way Gram taught me, but it sure would be great if dad would do it with me sometimes, the way Ted's father does with him.

Well, I guess I'll just have to be content with a make-believe mother for a while. Maybe sometime I'll get a real one. I hope it's not the "yellow chick," because it's plain she doesn't like boys my age. The only time her eyes get bright is when dad drives out in his big, black shiny car. Then she smiles and pats my arm. "I'm coming over to spend a whole day with you, Bob!" she says, but she never does. Never. I wouldn't know what to talk about if she did. It's awful hard to talk to clever actresses. I'd like a different kind of mom—one sort of plain, gentle and sweet, but pretty, too, like Billy's mother. Next to the picture of my mother, Billy's mother is the prettiest woman I ever saw. Specially when she puts her arm around my shoulder and asks, "Bob, will you join us for dinner and a little Bible-reading? You shall use the big Bible with the pictures." I like that. I sure do like that.—National Kindergarten Association.

AREA CHAIRMEN SPEAK

THE LAYMEN'S RESPONSIBILITY

By Carl F. Schattauer

The "Forward with Christ" stewardship program as presented to us from our synod has met with much interest in this area which includes the following congregations: St. Paul's Lutheran, Graettinger; Bethany Lutheran, Spencer; Bethlehem Lutheran, Royal; St. Mark's Lutheran, Storm Lake.

Our area meeting was held at Spencer and it was here the pastors from the various churches presented "Forward with Christ" to the lay people in attendance. We could sense that from among these Christians was needed leadership to make this program a success in the eyes of God.

During the latter part of March the Brotherhoods from the above named churches gathered for a supper meeting in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Storm Lake, at which a "Forward with Christ" rally was held. Mr. Harold T. Carver, national committeeman for "Forward with Christ," was the speaker and gave the men his impressions of the laymen's responsibility to this program. He expressed the desire that the Lutheran Churches of America should keep pace with the technological advances of our country. This means constant improvement of our stewardship program as entrusted to us by Christ. To help us achieve this goal he urged the churches to follow the "Forward with Christ" program as outlined by the synodical committee.

This area will further emphasize this program with an exchange of pastors on Sundays, April 24th and May 1st. May His Name be glorified as we go "Forward with Christ."

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"FORWARD WITH CHRIST" IN THE WISCONSIN DISTRICT

By A. E. Neve

The cause of "Forward with Christ" is beginning to shape up here in the Indian Head Country of Northwest Wisconsin. This area includes the congregations of Luck Lutheran, Milltown Lutheran, Cushing Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran of North Luck and St. Paul's Lutheran of Bone Lake.

The pastors serving the churches of this area met with district representatives the latter part of February. The whole plan of "Forward with Christ" was outlined. All congregations in the area except two appointed local committees and began setting up for carrying out the plan as outlined. Pastor A. E. Neve of Milltown was elected chairman of the area and Mr. Clarence Robertson of Luck, Wisconsin, was chosen assistant chairman. On Sunday afternoon, March 13, a meeting of all committees from local congregations was held at the Luck Lutheran Church. All the congregations except one were represented. Pastor K. M. Matthiesen of the Na-

tional "Forward with Christ" Committee spoke to the assembled group and gave us a good picture of the need for capital funds for Dana College, Home Missions and the Pension Fund. At the coffee hour which followed there were opportunities for discussion and questions.

Several of those present expressed the opinion that this plan would stimulate local evangelism and stewardship programs besides advancing the cause of Christ at large. So then we rise and press "Forward with Christ" to His honor and glory.

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"FORWARD IN THE GREATEST NAME—JESUS CHRIST"

By LeRoy Andersen

A call to greater service. He who would be great, let him be a servant.

"Forward" is the desire of every normal person. He strives to go forward in his training, in his profession, in his business, in life generally speaking. All such forward-going is commendable, and to be encouraged. God has placed that urge within the human breast.

But there is a "forward" which far transcends and far surpasses all these earthly "forward's," and it is: "Forward with Christ." No other activity of life is so important, so crucial, so vital as that of going forward in His Name, forward in His Grace, forward in His knowledge, forward in His great work. For it centers around the eternity of souls, the rescue of sinners, the building of that Church whose immovable foundation is Jesus Christ, and whose builder and maker is God.

Is that greatest and most urgent "forward" a part of your life's program? Or are you anxious and troubled about life's many earthly "forward's," and not the one needful "forward"? Does your love and strength evolve around yourself, your own needs and desires, or does God have the first place and the first interest? God calls upon us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

"Forward with Christ" should be our chief passion as we strive to realize life's crucial purpose and mission, the rescue of dying lost mankind. "Forward with Christ" should be our ruling motivation as we stretch forward and upward to life's truest and highest values. "Forward with Christ" should through faith be our heart's banner and torch, and victory will be ours, our way will be one of living hope and light.

Let us, friends, stretch forward with might and main in the Name of Him who is called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Let us march onward in His gracious power as we strive faithfully to fulfill His great home mission command: go and make disciples of your communities; as we respond to His admonition of Christian education by ministering with increased and adequate facilities for the

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THE PENSION FUND

By A. Hofgaard, President of Pension Fund

Man is mortal and no mortal being is infallible. We all make mistakes in many ways. This is also true of your Board of Pensions. This was brought home to us when replies came in from the letter sent out some months ago. That letter was not as clear as it should have been and was perhaps misconstrued because any action of this character from the Board is a recommendation to be acted upon by the convention. At a recent Board meeting this motion was rescinded. Even conventions can make mistakes which the 1954 convention did in connection with the Pension Plan in adopting changes not complying with Article Fifteen of the rules of the Pension Plan. The Board of Pensions proposes that these amendments be rescinded at the 1955 convention in order that the Pension Plan may be handled according to regular procedure. Article Fifteen reads as follows: "The right shall be reserved to the Board with the approval of the trustees and the president of the church body to alter and amend the pension plan as may be required and justified by experience and the resources of the Fund, and as may be found to the general advantage of the church, provided, however, that the proposed amendments or alterations have been submitted in writing to the Board at least ninety days before the meeting of the church, such alterations and amendments to become effective only after ratification by a General Convention of the church body. The Board shall make such rules and regulations as shall be necessary to carry into effect the Pension Plan as now amended or as hereafter amended."

What effect does the change-over from the old plan to the new pension plan have for our older pastors? For the present pensioners it will have no effect. They will continue to receive their pension as decided by the annual conventions from year to year.

Whereas practically the entire pension for our Pensioners is now being raised through the Pension Fund Budget, and

Whereas we have an obligation as Christian stewards to hold our Pension Fund Budget within reasonable limits,

Therefore we propose as a Board that pastors eligible for pension who have an earned income from salary or self-employment in the amount of \$2,500.00 per annum, either in pastoral or secular work (in the case of pastoral work free house shall be figured as 15% of the

salary and be included as part of the \$2,500.00) shall receive the minimum pension of the church. This proposal shall have no reference to any income from Federal Social Security, annuities, life insurance, other investments.

If the convention adopts this proposal from the Board it will safeguard our funds and put all on a more equal basis. Under the present rules a pastor who is serving a small congregation and receives \$1,400.00 or a little above that, cannot receive any pension. But a pastor who has retired and is self-employed in secular work may earn as much as he may and also receive his pension. Our motion would put them on a more equal basis.

The Board also adopted this resolution: Any pastor eligible for pension who receives less than \$2,500.00 per annum in earned income, shall receive the amount lacking, up to \$2,500.00 per annum, this difference to come from the Pension Fund, but this amount must never exceed the minimum pension. This will permit a pastor serving a small congregation and not be penalized in doing so.

We want to call the attention of all pastors who transferred to the new fund that they should pay their full percent dues to assure them of the minimum pension. A pastor is guaranteed the minimum pension unless he also pays his share. The decision of the 1954 convention about receiving a minimum pension regardless whether he pays dues or not, is out of order and is not actuarially sound. The congregation's contributions alone cannot build up a sufficient reserve to give an adequate pension. Those pastors who are under the Federal Social Security should make sure there would be some pension for their wives if they should pass away. There could be a period after the youngest child is past the age of eighteen when Social Security benefits would stop for both the child and the widow, when she would need a pension to help her over the years until she reaches the age of sixty-five when Social Security payments would begin again.

A motion will be presented to the convention to help a pastor so he could qualify for his pension benefits and also pay his Social Security payments by reducing the amount he must pay to the Pension Fund.

May these lines clear up the misunderstanding caused by the letter sent out some time ago.

PASTOR ALFRED THOMPSON

In Memoriam by J. M. Girtz

Pastor Alfred Thompson was born September 4, 1885 near Graettinger, Iowa. His father was Carl Thompson and his mother's maiden name was Thea Sorensen. His early years of education he received in Iowa and when the family moved to North Dakota he then attended Brorson High School. It was at Brorson under the teaching of Missionary Jens Dixen the Holy Spirit convicted young Alfred of sin and then led him to the assurance that his sin was forgiven and he was a child of God.

When he was only eleven years old he felt the first call to serve the Lord in the foreign field and in 1904 went to Valparaiso College to begin his preparation for this service. For additional study he attended the Moody Bible Institute from which he was graduated in April 1912. With Africa a special burden on his heart he waited for an opening and finally through his friend and teacher from whom he learned that the Danish Mission was beginning work in Sudan and were calling him to help in a new field. In November 1913 he was accepted by the Mission Board in Aarhus, Denmark. On the 21st of January, 1914 he was ordained in St. Peters Kirke in Copenhagen by Pastor Ostenfeld.

Miss Flossie M. Gibson, his fiancée, met him in Denmark just prior to his ordination service and together with three other missionaries became the second group to sail for the new mission field in Sudan. On arrival in Sudan they remained for a short time in the English mission station at Rum-El-Khaya. Here Miss Gibson had to stay for some months while Rev. Thompson was sent farther inland. The station was finally opened so that she was able to join him and they were married at Wukari about 25 miles from the station. The wedding journey that follows is a story all by itself, but the honeymoon was cut short only ten days after the wedding when word came that Dr. Bronnum was very ill in Numan and Rev. Thompson was to go to him at once. Since Numan was a closed territory because of canni-

bals, the government had forbidden women missionaries to enter this area so once more Mrs. Thompson found herself forced to remain behind while her husband went on to be with Dr. Bronnum. However, the way finally was opened some time later when she signed papers to the effect that she would go at her own risk and she was permitted to join Rev. Thompson at Numan. Together they worked here for several years in this trade center which was an ideal spot for a Mission center, and then moved on to Lamurde, which really became "home" to them. Here they both served the Lord with complete love and loyalty and until Rev. Thompson was called into the presence of the Lord the work in Lamurde completely filled his heart and mind.

Lamurde is now a large native town where the government has provided the school buildings, but the rest of the mission buildings have been built largely by funds from friends in America. Here from the earliest days in the work, the Thompsons gathered the boys and girls about the station and in their own home and their hearts and lives became so knit together that it was a bit hard to really feel at home in America when they had to return to this country to stay.

The thirty-seven years spent in Sudan were richly blessed and through the prayers of friends and the work of the Holy Spirit the Word bore fruit and there was a rich harvest of souls. In the Lamurde District 2,199 have been baptized since 1913, and today there are thirty-one evangelistic centers in this area. Pastor Thompson helped to train many of these native workers and three of "his boys" are now ordained and many are teachers in the Mission.

Just how much he meant to these boys and girls, men and women became very evident now during his final illness when letters came from them, even as many as five in one day. One of the boys wrote: "I long to give my whole heart and life so that the work you began may go forward." These expressions of love and

devotion filled his heart with joy during the hard and trying days of illness and he humbly thanked God for having permitted him to serve and to see the fruit of that service in Sudan.

Pastor Thompson was called into the presence of his Savior on March 22nd, 1955 at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 18 days. Those who remain to feel the loss are his wife Flossie May, his daughter Edna (Mrs. Neil Vandyke) his son LeRoy, two brothers Chris and Charley and two sisters, Miss Minnie Thompson and Mrs. Christina Jacobson.

Services were conducted from the new Olivet church on Friday, March 25th with Pastor Girtz officiating. Other pastors present were Rev. J. H. Vammen, Rev. Samuel Hansen, Rev. Ben Engskov, Rev. Allan Hansen, Rev. William Hanson, Rev. Franklin Rasmussen and Rev. A. Kloth, who served as honorary pall bearers. Rev. Girtz represented Synod with a greeting, and Rev. Engskov represented the Sudan Mission Board. Rev. Samuel Hansen spoke for the Ministerial group of Los Angeles area and Rev. Kloth read the obituary.

Rev. Alfred Thompson was laid to rest in Inglewood Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. May the Lord bless his memory.

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With the passing of Pastor Alfred Thompson, we have lost one of the pioneer missionaries of our rather young synod. He was one of the apostles of love, and his love was both for his Lord and for all men everywhere. It was a joy to have him here as a member of Olivet. He was always ready to speak a kind word or a word of encouragement. He visited the sick among us, and he assisted at Holy Communion. We shall miss Brother Alfred and his gentle ways and his kind smile. As his last pastor I would like to add this my tribute to all those that will be paid him, in public, but most of all in the hearts of those whose faith he helped kindle and whose faith he encouraged by his gentle ways. May peace and blessing attend the memory of this saint of God.

THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS THERE

By Lawrence Siersbeck

Pastor St. Mary's Lutheran Church Kenosha, Wisconsin

Aside from the commendation uttered by the angel Gabriel upon the day of the Annunciation, not much praise is given to Mary directly by others or her son Jesus. She was deserving of praise, and it is conceivable that her husband Joseph and Jesus indicated their appreciation for a wife and a mother in their own ways. There are, on the other hand, evidences that she suffered much for having been the mother of the Savior of the world.

MOTHER'S DAY

Millions of greeting cards will be mailed to remember the coming mother's day. Millions of dollars will be spent in flowers, hundreds of thousands of dollars in chocolates, candies and fruits, and as much for other presents,—in the observance of the day. With these greetings and presents will go many genuine expressions of gratitude. It is also probable that some sons and daughters will turn to a new life remembering the example and witness of their Christian mothers. The recognition of motherhood on this day is also a recognition of the dignity God has bestowed upon the human race. He crowned man with glory and honor, having already created him in the image of God.

THE MOTHERS THEMSELVES

Some mothers have expressed their tinge of embarrassment in listening to and receiving this annual recognition, and have felt it to be somewhat obsequious for a day. For the sake of the kind gesture of the children they have accepted the tribute graciously. A Christian mother said, "I am the one to be thankful. God created me and gave me the privilege of becoming a mother. My children have given me years of happiness. I look back upon the work, the hustle, the hours of vigil with almost nostalgic delight. I am the one to thank God for His loving kindnesses, and I stand in debt to Him, to my family and many others for my happiness. My concern now is how I can repay for all that has been given me." Now what can we add to such a person's joy that will be little more than frosting? The outward observance of mother's day will be worthy only in proportion to the intrinsic worth of a mother and her children. By this we are thinking of qualities God bestows upon those who walk in the Christian way of life.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

And that brings us to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The name indicating her relationship to her son seems one of the very beautiful gems in all literature. A young Jewish girl, of whom we might say 'too young to marry,' a virgin till the angel spoke,—is given that sweet and gracious title 'Mary, the mother of Jesus.'

It was at the wedding of Cana when John notes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. She was there too, when the angel Gabriel came, when Jesus was born, when the shepherds came and the wise men. She was

there when the little family went to Jerusalem to the temple. She was there when they nailed Him to the cross. One cloud crosses the horizon of her memory. It was the day she and Joseph left their twelve-year-old boy in Jerusalem. But how could she help that? Was it not a part of God's plan? And was it not really Mary and Joseph's influence that led the boy Jesus to the moment when he knew Scripture?

And so the fondest memories most of us have of our mothers is that they were nearly always there when we were small,—to lead us by the hand, to protect us from falling, to wake us in the morning (or did we wake her?), to prepare breakfast, get us off to school, wait for us at noon with a hot lunch, there at home when school was out. Mothers were there in church with us, at the baptismal font, at the communion table, kneeling with us at the bedside, and by our sickbeds, at our birthday parties. Most mothers consider their calling as such a sacred, and would not for the world forego the privilege of being with their children,—ever guiding, encouraging, warning, inspiring to achievement.

Nurses and day nurseries are not adequate substitutes for a mother's care. A Christian nurse may take her place, but the mother's own loss is greater than she may realize in these early years of childhood. Sometimes a widow is forced to become breadwinner too, and many of them have stood up to the difficult two-fold task courageously. But the rank and file of young Christian mothers today, in times of unusual tension and with increasing demands placed upon them for their time, are meeting the situation of being with their children where and when they are needed. The faces of these young women and their husbands greet us in the pews of our churches in greater numbers than ever before. They are becoming increasingly aware of the spiritual needs of the hour, and do something about it.

The greater tribute to motherhood lies in a more important area than that of flowers and presents. The daily walk of the children reflects directly upon mother and father. In the Christian home the example of God-fearing children bears witness to the influence of the parents. What blessing is it if we send cards, presents or surprise mother with these earthly remembrances, if our hearts are far from Christ? By the same token, our gifts and tributes have a more salutary effect when they come from consecrated hearts and lives of children.

OUR REGARD FOR WOMANHOOD

There are other ways in which we may indicate our appreciation for our mothers, and among these is a high regard for womanhood. True, there are women who do not deserve it and who are a menace to their own sex. Yet even the derelicts can only be won back by our proper esteem of womanhood. It may be the lack of proper esteem and courteous treatment that led some of them upon the wrong road. Most women, however, have

lesome self-respect and high regard for Christian
ls. When Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at the foot
the cross, our Lord gave us an example in those
rs of physical agony and mental anguish, when He
mitted his mother to the care of the beloved John.
m then on, she kept busy in the Christian congrega-
l. We have no record of her resting on any laurels.
life as a mother must have ended as it began—a
dmaid of the Lord.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT

every decade creates its peculiar type of a young wo-
na, who is generally called the 'modern girl' or some-
g like that. Today she croons into a microphone
le modern melodies that make more or less sense.
ple applaud, not so much because of the song, but
ause she is attractive and they want to keep her
ading there. Thirty years ago the girl did the same.
was called a 'flapper' then. A song came out about
t time that went something like this,
u're the kind of a girl that men forget,
ust a toy to enjoy for a while;
when men settle down they always get
n old-fashioned girl with an old-fashioned smile."
l,—most of those flappers got married anyway. But
'flapper' was really forgotten. Today she doesn't
an want her children to see the crazy pictures of her-
in that setting. When the courtship became serious
those days, as in all days, it was the same qualities
ove and of understanding, mixed with a wholesome
r, respect and reverence, that counted as it did 3500
rs ago when Boaz found the young Moabitish girl
h, and they were married, and became the parents
Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of King David.
The modern girl, even today, is not the girl that the
aking man marries. When that day comes he will
rry the real girl who will make a home for him and
children. He will never want to be away from her
long. And she will become a mother. If he is the
at kind of a man, he will defend her and the home to
end with his life if necessary. The modern girl and
modern young man are only temporary frills, but
therhood and fatherhood have an aspect of time-
ness.

The Christian counsellor will say to the young couple
o plan to be married, "Before you create your home,
k God's blessing. Take God's Word with you. Let
r ascend from your hearts as incense to His throne.
Jesus Christ be your daily guest!"

Two little girls sixty odd years ago took their dolls
o the church on a week day. With prayer and cere-
ny they baptized their little charges at the font. The
tor saw it and with some displeasure reprimanded
girls. But what he did not understand was that the
es were unconsciously preparing themselves for
therhood, and that in their make-believe world, the
of Christian baptism was included. They should
bably not have permitted their fantasy to carry them
far. But the incident shows how God has placed the
ing of motherhood into the hearts and minds of little
es, and reminds us of the importance of the influence
Christian parents and the Christian congregation in

keeping this destiny sacred. The crowning glory of wo-
mankind is the calling to Christian motherhood. The
husband's, father's and the young man's sacred re-
sponsibility is to keep Christian motherhood inviolate
by the support of active Christian faith and living.

ANOTHER AFTERTHOUGHT

No one can be much more proud than grandparents.
In this pride they may stumble and fall unless they real-
ize that their work and responsibility is not nearing its
end when their grandchildren come. But when they look
into the faces of little children, including grandchildren,
they should be mindful of how much God expects of
them before the afternoon of life is spent. They should
work harder for the Kingdom of God,—that Christ may
dwell more richly in men's hearts including their own.
They should work harder to give new generations Chris-
tian opportunities. They should above all live Christ in
all the areas of life! They should remember to

"Work for the night is coming,
When man works no more."

A few weeks ago a boy of about seven brought two
people in the middle years of their life to the pastor
after the service and said, "Here are my grandfather
and grandmother from..." And the grandfather said,
"We are so happy that our children and grandchildren
are active in a Christian congregation. Mother and I
are so thankful!" More often than we realize, generations
rise up and bless the name of the Lord, when grand-
parents are faithful.

MARY AND JAMES

The mother of Jesus was there where and when she
was needed the most. We believe she carried through
with faithfulness to the end. James, who wrote one of
the letters of the New Testament, is generally acknow-
ledged to have been her son also. In reading that letter,
the memory of a faithful mother keeps coming through
the lines. In fact, that is one of the reasons for ascribing
the authorship to the half brother of Jesus. Here are
some of the admonitions from this important letter:

"Keep one's self unstained from the world."

"God has chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith."

"Faith apart from works is barren."

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

"Confess your sins one to another. Pray for one another."

"Be patient, the coming of the Lord is at hand."

The mother of Jesus was concerned about more im-
portant things than earthly security. She had little of
this world's goods. Such a spirit requires courage that
only faith in God can provide. The letter of James in-
dicates the high spiritual standards of the home from
which he came. The soul of James must have been fan-
ned into the warmth so characteristic of Mary, as he
wrote,

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy
and good fruits, without uncertainty and in-
sincerity."

When the members of the first Christian congregation
at Jerusalem elected the head of their congregation,
they chose a man of gentleness and warmth. His name
was James, another son of Mary, the mother of Jesus.



Dana Festival Honors

Hans Christian Andersen

April 2, 1805-August 4, 1875

Dana's Festival Tribute

"I shall be famous," said Hans Christian Andersen when as a child he was asked about his plans for the future. This year more than seventy nations have honored the great Danish author in public ceremonies and programs on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth.

At the age of fourteen, Andersen left his native town of Odense for Copenhagen, capital and cultural center of Denmark, determined to become an actor. He did succeed in getting a small part in a ballet, but his talent lay in other directions. His dramatic work was produced at the Royal Theater, and his novels and travel books still make fine reading, but it is as a writer of fairy tales that he is remembered today. These tales, which have delighted generations of children and adults, have won high praise from critics for their accurate delineation of human psychology.

Dreams of Copenhagen and other distant places filled the mind of the youthful Andersen and later took form as fairy tales. But even in Copenhagen with its ballet and gaiety and music, Andersen never forgot the simple things of everyday life. His tales are a blend of sophistication and naivete, of childlike simplicity and incisive social satire.

Andersen died at the age of seventy. In his old age he wrote, "Life is a fairy tale written with God's finger."

It was appropriate that Dana College, founded in 1843 by Danish-American pioneers, should celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen. Part of the task of colleges with roots in other nations is to keep open a cultural bridge between the United States and other nations. This charge Dana gladly accepts.

The festivities at Dana College began on the morning of April 2 when five beech trees, flown from Denmark, were planted in the Hans Christian Andersen Grove between Old Main and Pioneer Memorial. The trees were the gift of the City Council of Odense, home town of Andersen, who more than one hundred years ago wrote prophetically about transoceanic air travel.

It was estimated that a matinee presentation of the festival program would bring 700 grade and high school students and teachers to the campus. 1200 crowded in the auditorium for the event. Plans were quickly changed and an additional evening performance was added.



TELL US A STORY!

Under the spell of an Andersen story, Blair school children listen with rapt attention to Phillip A. Pagel, Poy Sip W.s., in the role of the great author. They are, left to right, Jeff Haleen, formerly of Lyndenwood, Calif.; Karen Lindberg, Lois Hanson, Lonna Hengeve, and Brent Peterson. The boys and girls were later given the privilege of rolling out the 150th candle birthday cake.

Courtesy Blair Pilot Tribune

World-Famous Man of Letters

In the evenings of April 15 and 16 Dana College Hill transformed into a scene that would have delighted a great teller of fairy tales. Against the dark sky, the American flag and the Danish flag were flown in spotted glory, while a recording of carillons, sent to Dana for the occasion by the Danish State Radio, chimed music for Andersen's "Jutland." On Alumni Memorial Auditorium a large banner bade "Welcome to Dana" in Andersen's native language. There was an exhibit of Danish poster art sent from New York. The college art department had a display of interpretations of "The Little Mermaid."

From the Festival Folk Dances to the original ballet, "The Rose and the Nightingale," the program followed the Andersen theme. Telling "The Emperor's New Clothes" on stage, Phillip A. Pagel as Hans Christian Andersen delighted five Blair school children, transformed into nineteenth century Danish moppets for the event. In a world of undersea beauty sat the wistful Little Mermaid, Jean Coffey of Blair, while Mrs. Jack F. Jensen read the story of her life. Soloists and choral groups, including the Dana College Choir, sang numbers of words for which had been written by Andersen. Rev. O. Lund, member of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra, was guest violinist.

As the final trumpet fanfare died away at the end of the program, a huge birthday cake with 150 candles rolled out to the coffee table where Danish pastries were served by matrons in national costumes.

Nearly 2500 people from six states saw the Dana tribute to the world-renowned author. Radio and TV stations in the Midwest and newspapers and magazines on coast to coast carried accounts of the ceremonies of the festival.



Courtesy Blair Enterprise

PLANTING OF THE AIR-BORNE BEECH TREES

On April 2, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Andersen, five beech trees flown from Odense, Denmark, were planted at Dana College. Among those who participated in the ceremony were, left to right, Raymond C. Hansen, mayor of Blair; Frank V. Lawson, Royal Danish Vice-Consul, representing the city of Odense; Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, Dana professor; and Dr. R. E. Morton, president of Dana College. In the background is Pioneer Memorial Hall. The trees, by the end of April, had begun to show green buds.

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Total synodical budget \$256,668.60	193523.05	14750.10	88300.00	25000.00	58646.50	7550.00	1542.00	65880.00
Previously acknowledged	16638.87	60481.24	17789.12	46615.61	6658.88	1449.16	43890.17	
Waukegan, Wis., Galilee Luth. Church	75.00		25.00		25.00			25.00
St. S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jensen and family in memory of Martin Johnson	2.00		2.00					
Waukegan, Ore., Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Rev. L. Pedersen	5.00							5.00
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Waukegan, Bethany Luth. Church	87.00		27.00		30.00			30.00
Waukegan, Ore., Emmaus Ladies Aid	100.00			100.00				
Waukegan, Ia., Shelby Luth. S. S.	100.00		25.00	15.00	20.00	15.00		25.00
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Waukegan, Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church	217.61		60.00	37.61	60.00			60.00
Waukegan, Minn., St. Peter's Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Sophus Sorensen's mother, Mrs. Julius Ness	3.00				3.00			
Waukegan, N. Y., St. Matthew Luth. Church	51.00		26.00		25.00			
Waukegan, Bay, Wis., Bethel Luth. S. S.	28.00				28.00			
Waukegan, Colo., First Bethany Luth. Church	33.66			33.66				
Waukegan, City, Nebr., Zion Luth. Church, Easter Sunday offering	35.84			35.84				
Waukegan, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lehn and Louie Lehn, contents of Lehn Bank	3.40				3.40			
Waukegan, Nebr., Pastor and Mrs. C. Jeppesen in memory of Rev. L. Pedersen, Eugene, Ore.	2.00							2.00
Waukegan, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	200.00		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		40.00

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BY THE FIRESIDE

A THANKFUL HEART

Lord, Thou has given me a cell
Wherein to dwell,
A little house whose humble roof
Is weatherproof.
Low is my porch, as is my fate,
Both void of state,
And yet the threshold of my door
Is worn by the poor
Who hither come and freely get
Good words or meat.
'Tis Thou that crown'st my glitter-
ing hearth
With guileless mirth.
All these and better Thou dost send
Me to this end,
That I should render for my part
A thankful heart.

—Robert Herrick.

THE STRUGGLE NAUGHT AVAILETH?

From an article by Colin Craig in
"The British Weekly," we quote:

"It is D. T. Niles from Ceylon who has said: 'We are simply howling out for more missionaries — to finish the unfinished task.' It is Kenneth Masih, from North India, who has said: 'The Church in India will ever continue to need and welcome missionary personnel. In a world torn with various tensions and divisions, the Church alone gives a witness to the oneness of all people, black or white. If ever there was a time in the history of Missions when missionaries were needed, it is now.' It is Rajaiah Paul, from South India, who has said: 'The Indian Church still needs missionaries from the West. She will need them for a long while to come. But even when the time comes—as some day it will—when she no longer needs them, she will want them to come in order to demonstrate that the Church in India is not an exclusively national affair, but is part of a worldwide fellowship which is engaged in a common task' "

Do Missions mean more to us than the "red side" of our Church offering envelope? Do we see the work that offering can do, and further it with our prayers?

THE DIVINE TOUCH

The lives which seem so poor, so low
The hearts which are so cramped
and dull,

The baffled hopes, the impulse slow,
Thou takest, touchest all, and lo!
They blossom to the beautiful.

—Susan Coleridge.

NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE

Kirby Page

Seldom has the grace of gratitude been more vividly illustrated than in the spirit of Albert Schweitzer, who has spent much of his life in fighting against disease and death, fighting pests and wild animals, fighting against superstition and indolence; fighting against sheer weariness of body and mind. His very being is a constant expression of appreciativeness. His decision to go as a medical missionary to the tropics of Africa was made in spite of protests from friends that he was simply throwing himself away.

The best comment on all this is found on the closing page of a book written by Dr. Schweitzer in 1927, fourteen years after he first landed at Lambarene, as he was departing on a furlough: "The boat pushes slowly out of the bay in bright sunshine . . . I gaze at the disappearing coast hardly able to realize that I am no longer in the hospital. All the needs and all the work of the past years sweep through my memory. I feel myself humbled, and ask myself how I earned the privilege of carrying on such work attaining to success. And there breaks through, time and again, a feeling of pain that I must leave it for a time, and tear myself loose from Africa, which has become for me a second home."

Long before Albert Schweitzer had written: "It became steadily clearer to me that I had not the inward right to take as a matter of course my happy youth, my good health and my powers of work. Out of the depth of my feeling of happiness there grew gradually within me an understanding of the saying of Jesus that we must not treat our lives as being for ourselves alone."

JUDGE NOT

"It was his own fault," we say. "He should have known what would happen." His own fault . . . no business of ours. But Christina Rossetti has a

new thought for us, one that may startle us into thinking soberly how much is involved in being our brother's keeper.

The sinners' own fault? So it was
If every own fault found us out,
Dogged us and hedged us round
about,
What comfort should we take because
Not half our due we thus wrung
out?

Clearly his own fault. Yet I think
My fault in part, who did not pray
But lagged and would not lead the
way.

I, haply, proved his missing link.
God help us both to mend and pray

AN UNREASONABLE REASON

"I don't like you," said the snowflake to the snowbird.

"And why don't you like me?" said the snowbird to the snowflake.

"Because" said the snowflake, "you are going up and I am going down."

And that is the reason why so many people do not like other people.—Religious Telescope.

Mistress (instructing new butler):
"Now, how do you address a baron?"
Butler: "Your lordship."
Mistress: "And his lady?"
Butler: "Your ladyship."
Mistress: "And an admiral?"
Butler: "Your flagship."

"There isn't so much difference between a man's wants and a woman's wants," declared Mrs. Smith.

"Oh, yes, there is," insisted Mr. Smith. "A man wants all he can get."

"Yes?" said Mrs. Smith, waiting.

"And a woman," continued Mr. Smith, "wants everything she can get."

Robert Q. Lewis tells of the worldwide firm with branches everywhere, including one in the Sahara Desert. One day the manager received a letter from the Sahara branch, complaining that the employees were out of water.

The complaint was discussed with the president, who shrugged: "Of those Sahara people are always complaining they're out of water."

"I think this time they mean it," said the manager. "The stamp is attached with a pin."

AREA CHAIRMEN SPEAK

(Continued from page 5)

Christian training of our youth; as we rally to the aid of our aged servants of the Cross as we seek a needful mission reserve. God will abundantly bless us and prosper our way. All will through it all come to know Him and His love

and go forth to serve and sacrifice for Him. Youth will praise and honor His Name for the enriching and stabilizing power of Christian education. Aged laborers in the vineyard of the Lord will have cause for thanksgiving as they gain added security for the evening years of life. And through it all we as His people will have been endowed to become greater and more faithful stewards in His Kingdom.

News and Notes

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The meeting opened with organ music by Mrs. Jeanette Voetmann. Mrs. Alvera Ries, president of Ringsted's Willing Workers welcomed the guests. Mrs. Thelma Smith led in devotions. St. Paul's Women's Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Busnapp sang "Were You There?" and "The Lord is my Companion."

The speaker of the afternoon was Pastor Arnfeld Morck, missionary of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church to Colombia, South America. He gave a message of hope for the work of missions in South America. A collection of eighty-one dollars and twenty-one cents was voted to be sent to this mission.

A fellowship hour followed in the church parlors where the group was divided into four so that more acquaintance might be made. The theme of the afternoon was "Christ for all nations." This was carried out in the program covers which showed flags of all nations surrounding a Bible. A cover scene was arranged on the stage in the church parlors. Another table showed a globe surrounded by authentic dolls of many nations. The tokens each had the flag of a nation on them. The refreshments consisted of dainty sandwiches and decorated cakes. Arrangements for the rally were made by the chairman, Mrs. George Neve of Ringsted.

The Nebraska District Convention is scheduled to be held at Pella Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr., September 14-18th, 1955.

Detroit, Mich. Pastor Oscar E. Johnson. With our aim before us "To receive more blessings from my church in 1955 than I have ever before received," Northwest Trinity Lutheran

Church did experience a blessed Lenten season. Mid-week services were held, one such service being a presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ." This was given by our choir together with the choir of Resurrection Lutheran Church under the direction of Mr. Keith Archer.

Six young people were received into the congregation through confirmation on Palm Sunday. Two services were held, the total attendance being 187.

On Easter Sunday members of the church and their guests again filled the church for two services. Attendance at the 8:30 A.M. service was 95 and attendance at the 11:00 A.M. service was 144.

Plans and work toward the "FORWARD WITH CHRIST" movement in our church are well under way. Working closely with the pastor in directing this is Mr. Victor Lauritsen, president of our congregation.

The church council has unanimously decided that beginning next September 1st, two services will be held every Sunday, one at 8:30 A.M. and one at 11:00 A.M. During the summer months one service only, at 8:30 A.M., will be held.

The church is promoting their annual summer retreat. This year the retreat will be held July 1-5 at Bass Lake Gowen, Mich.

Canadian Clothing To Arab Refugees

Winnipeg, Canada—A shipment of 30,000 pounds of used clothing contributed by Lutheran congregations across Canada is on the high seas destined for Arab refugee camps in Jordan and Syria, it was announced here by the Rev. Clifton L. Monk, executive secretary of Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

The shipment is the fifth of its kind, following four previous shipments which totalled 100,000 pounds of Canadian Lutheran donated used clothing for Arab refugees, Mr. Monk said.

Northern Conference for Lawyers and Theologians

A meeting in Copenhagen has planned the program for a conference to be held towards the end of August at the institute of Jarvenpaa, Finland, to which lawyers and theologians from all the Northern countries are invited. The conference is to deal with current problems in modern jurisprudence viewed in the light of the Christian faith. Especially three subjects are to be discussed: "The problems of positivism," "Justice, society, and the individual," and actual problems connected with the marriage laws.

The conference which is arranged by the Northern Ecumenical Institute is to be attended by 10 members from each of the Northern countries, half of whom are to be theologians and half lawyers.

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McNabb, Ill., Ladies Aid of Emmaus Luth. Church	104.16	50.00	25.00	29.16			
McNabb, Ill., Emmaus Luth. Church	100.00	25.00	50.00	25.00			
Norma, N. D., Zion Luth. Church	153.50	24.00	40.00	50.00	7.25	7.25	25.
Kenmare, N. D., Trinity Luth. Church in memory of Rev. Alfred Thompson	111.43			111.43			
Canby, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Houland in memory of Sidney Pierce, Kenmare, N. D.	2.00			2.00			
Kenmare, N. Dak., Norma Ladies Aid of Trinity Luth. Church in memory of Sidney Pierce, Kenmare, N. D.	3.00			3.00			
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church	339.49	100.00	139.49	100.00			
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00			
Falmouth, Me., Emmaus Ladies Aid	22.00			22.00			
Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church	74.63	40.00	34.63				
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Luth. Church in memory of Rev. L. Pedersen	52.50						52.
Kenmare, N. D., Mrs. Anton Stahl of Nazareth Luth. Church	10.00			5.00	5.00		
Kenmare, N. D., in memory of Mrs. Minnie Nelson (Aunt Minnie) of Nazareth Church: from Mrs. Roger Johnson, Mrs. R. R. Charlesworth and Miss E. Jeanette Nelson	25.00			25.00			
Mason City, Nebr., Ladies Aid Society of Zion Luth. Church	15.00	15.00					
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Luth. Church	1126.88	400.00	300.00	350.00	76.88		
Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	1000.00	350.00	300.00	300.00	50.00		
Norma, N. D., Zion Ladies Aid \$5 in memory of Sidney Pierce and \$5 in memory of Mrs. Maren Petersen	10.00			5.00	5.00		
Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. S. S.	18.88			18.88			
Fresno, Calif., Bethel Luth. Church	150.00	75.00	25.00	50.00			
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church	248.00	100.00	48.00	100.00			
Montreal, Quebec, Can., St. Ansgar Danish Ev. Luth. Church	400.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	50.00		
Saxeville, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	46.28	40.28					50.6.
TOTAL	200100.31	16638.87	62500.52	19338.35	48647.48	6958.01	1456.41

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Previously acknowledged	200100.31	16638.87	62500.52	19338.35	48647.48	6958.01	1456.41	44560.
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church, an offering	152.62							152.
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church	1605.11		500.00	404.26	499.75	175.00	26.10	152.
Oregon, Wis., Mrs. Marentine Hansen of St. John's Luth. Church	50.00		35.00	15.00				
Kenmare, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. Church	222.45		100.00	50.00	50.00	22.45		
Royal, Ia., friends in memory of Nick Nelson of Bethlehem Church	1.00							1.
Minneapolis, Minn., Edina Community Church	407.46			407.46				
Pass Lake, Ont., Canada, Salem Luth. Church, Lenten Boxes	11.00	11.00						
Pass Lake, Ont., Canada, Salem Luth. Church	23.60			13.60		5.00	5.00	
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Luth. Church	250.00			250.00				
Portland, Ore., Mrs. H. Hansen and Mrs. Walter A. Larsen in memory of Lawrence Rasmussen, St. Paul, Ore.	5.00							5.
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany S. S.	36.85				36.85			
Sioux City, Our Savior's Luth. Church	415.00		105.00	105.00	105.00			100.
Viborg, S. D., Bethany Willing Workers in memory of Duane Madison	2.00				2.00			
Farwell, Nebr., Ladies Aid of Farwell Luth. Church, birthday money	14.00			14.00				
Farwell, Nebr., Farwell Luth. Church	12.26					12.26		
Farwell, Nebr., Farwell Luth. Church, Lenten boxes: Mrs. Wickman and Hattie \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bringleman \$5, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Klanecky \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Platek \$3.10, Mr. and Mrs. James Olsen \$5	20.10							20.
Ellendale, Minn., St. Ansgar Luth. Church	115.40		50.00	15.40	20.00			30.
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Luth. Church	175.26		75.26		50.00			50.
Luverne, N. D., Luverne Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Anton Jacobsen	5.00				5.00			
Sidney, Mont., in memory of Mrs. Peter Andersen of Pella church: Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen \$5, Mrs. Jacob Miller \$5	10.00				10.00			
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church	500.00		150.00	50.00	150.00	25.00		125.
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	270.00		90.00	30.00	90.00			60.
Viborg, S. D., Spring Valley Luth. S. S., Easter offering	6.76				6.76			
Oyens, Ia., Dorcas Ladies Aid	20.00				20.00			
Evan, Minn., St. Matthew Luth. Church	129.48		50.00		50.00			29.
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. S. S.	16.47	16.47						
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church	241.16			241.16				
Hampton, Nebr., from friends in memory of Edward Eskildsen, Malta, Mont.	12.00				12.00			
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	575.00				575.00			
Sidney, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lund of Pella Church in memory of Mrs. Marie Andersen and Mrs. Bertha Andersen	2.00					2.00		
Herman, Nebr., Hill Creek Ladies Aid	20.00		10.00	5.00	5.00			
Luverne, N. D., Luverne Ladies Aid	580.83		200.00	80.83	200.00			100.
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	470.43		150.00	70.43	150.00			100.
Neeah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	1227.96		728.25		499.71			
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	222.98		70.00	22.98	70.00			60.
Laurel, Nebr., in memory of Lewie Hansen of Gethsemane Church: Sofus Henriksen, the Mogensen family, Kai Andersen, Fred Hansen, the John E. Hansen family. (Sent by Mrs. John E. Hansen, Chicago, Ill.)	10.00							10.
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church	538.64		300.00	38.64	100.00			100.
Kenmare, N. D., Nazareth Luth. Church	1000.00		500.00	100.00	200.00	50.00		150.
Webster Groves, Mo., Bethany Luth. Church	356.17		100.00	56.17	100.00	25.00		75.
Shennington, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church	50.00		25.00		25.00			
West Canada District, W.M.S. Project	60.00				50.00			10.
Plainview, Nebr., Jens Haahr in memory of his mother, Mrs. Eskild Haahr	10.00				10.00			
Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. S. S.	8.19	8.19						
Clifton, Ill., Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mr. Elit Smith	5.00				5.00			
Luverne, N. D., the Luth. Church	2.25			2.25				
Luverne, N. D., in memory of Mrs. Anton Jacobsen from friends and neighbors	77.00	50.00	27.00					
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Hans Knudsen	10.00				10.00			
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church	26.15			26.15				
Selma, Calif., Members of Pella Church in memory of Henry Misfeldt, Billings, Mont.: Mr. and Mrs. H. P. F. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nielsen and Bertha Epps	5.00				5.00			
Pass Lake, Ont., Can., Salem Luth. Church	15.00				15.00			
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mrs. J. W. Simonsen in memory of her husband	30.00	30.00						
Westbrook, Me., in memory of Mrs. Ernest Estes: Ernest Estes, Mrs. Warren Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Estes	6.00				6.00			
Westbrook, Me., in memory of Christian Winther, Jr.: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Estes	3.00				3.00			
Jacksonville, Ia., Jacksonville Ladies Aid \$5 in memory of Allen Erickson and \$5 in memory of Chris Christensen	10.00					5.00	5.00	
TOTAL	210151.89	16754.53	65792.18	21310.53	51783.55	7274.72	1492.51	45743.8

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SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	N.L.C. L.W.A.	Gen. Fd. Foreign Mission
Budget for 1954-1955		16000.00	15500.00	10000.00	15000.00			38720.00	
Previously acknowledged	61624.13	14754.92	11470.60	13656.22	15309.02	1243.94	228.26	4578.17	383.0
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	34.70			34.70					
Denmark, Wis., Sunshine Circle of Our Savior's Luth. Church	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00				
San Francisco, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jensen in memory of Missionary Alfred Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.	10.00				10.00				
Pasadena, Calif., Rev. J. C. Christensen in memory of Nels T. Nelson, Cedar Falls, Ia., for Dr. Winther's work, Japan	5.00	5.00							

an, Calif., Immanuel Luth. S. S., mission offering	35.40		35.40						
s, Nebr., Ebenezer Luth. Church	48.00							48.00	
a, Calif., Mrs. Mary Clausen in memory of Missionary Al-									
fred Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00				5.00				
ing, Nebr., St. John's Luth. Church	11.22							11.22	
n Bay, Wis., Bethel Luth. S. S.	10.85				10.85				
an, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church	256.00							256.00	
Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	50.00							50.00	
na, N. D., Zion Luth. Church in memory of Rev. Alfred									
Thompson	26.50				26.50				
ne, Wis., Emmaus English Ladies Aid toward Helen Mar-									
garet Jacobsen's salary	28.00				28.00				
us, Nebr., Dry Creek Luth. S. S., an offering	17.05							17.05	
an, Ia., Immanuel Luth. S. S.	21.00	11.00			10.00				
rior, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jensen of Bethany Church,									
Ruskin, in memory of Rev. Alfred Thompson	5.00				5.00				
ro Valley, Calif., W.M.S. of Faith Luth. Church	1.75				1.75				
h Dakota-Montana District Project	12.50				12.50				
a, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. W.M.S., Life Membership for Mrs.									
E. W. Olsen, Neola, Ia.	6.75				6.75				
ne, Wis., Gethsemane Luth. W.M.S., Life Membership for									
Mrs. Nels Krogh, Racine, Wis.	6.75				6.75				
t, Nebr., Esther and Clifford Madsen in memory of Mrs.									
N. J. Nelson, Pomona, Calif.	5.00				5.00				
na, N. D., Zion Ladies Aid in memory of Rev. Alfred									
Thompson	5.00				5.00				
y, Mont., in memory of Mrs. Peter Andersen of Pella									
Church: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tombre \$2, Mr. and Mrs.									
Chris Iversen \$2, Martin Iversen \$10	14.00				14.00				
na, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hansen in memory of Erick									
Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00							5.00	
on, Wis., St. John's Luth. S. S.	19.60							19.60	
real, Quebec, Canada, St. Ansgar Dan. Ev. Luth. Church	50.00							50.00	
ville, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	49.20							49.20	
TOTAL	62383.40	14775.92	11543.75	13695.92	15428.37	1243.94	228.26	5084.24	383.00

ved with thanks, Blair, Nebr., April 16, 1955.

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ously acknowledged	62383.40	14775.92	11543.75	13695.92	15428.37	1243.94	228.26	5084.24	383.00
Nebr., First Luth. Church Japan Mission offering \$124.96,									
Sudan Mission offering \$36.52	161.48	124.96			36.52				
ard, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. Church	122.65							122.65	
e, Wis., in loving memory of Sophus M. Lorenzen: Elmer									
Poulsen, Roy Poulsen, Laurier Durand, W. E. Melvin, A.									
T. Martin, Mrs. Nels Petersen, Mrs. Ethel Christensen, Ju-	9.00				9.00				
lius Poulsen and John E. Andersen									
neapolis, Minn., Edina Community Church, gift from a pri-	200.00							200.00	
ate contributor									
ale, Calif., Dorcas Society of Our Savior's Luth. Church									
for Dr. Winther's work among Luth. Bible Institute stu-	25.00	25.00							
dents	9.00							9.00	
er, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S.	12.74	12.74							
ena, Calif., Bethany Luth. S. S., contents of birthday bank									
ena, Calif., Bethany Luth. S. S. for Dr. Winther's work	12.00	12.00							
with Luth. Bible Institute	77.53							77.53	
brook, Me., Trinity Luth. S. S.	20.25							20.25	
Lake, Ont., Can., Salem Luth. Church									
y, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lund in memory of Mis-	2.00				2.00				
sionary Alfred Thompson	84.54					27.14		57.40	
, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S.									
, Calif., Immanuel Mission Society in memory of Pastor	20.00				20.00				
fred Thompson, Los Angeles	21.35							21.35	
ard, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. S. S.	16.60							16.60	
ale, Minn., St. Ansgar Luth. Church	150.00							150.00	
an, Minn., Bethany Luth. Church	6.85				6.85				
, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. S. S. offering	20.00							20.00	
ebrog, Nebr., Dannebrog Luth. S. S.	34.36	34.36							
ns, N. Y., St. Matthew Luth. Church, an offering									
ted, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Nielsen in memory of Dr.	2.00				2.00				
Smith Kirkegaard, Estherville, Ia.	90.71							90.71	
ay, Calif., Ebenezer Luth. Church									
view, Nebr., Mrs. J. Will Jensen, in memory of Mrs. Rose	10.00	10.00							
arn									
se, Wis., Emmanus Mission Society in memory of Rev. Al-	25.00				25.00				
fred Thompson	11.00			11.00					
ton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	44.59		44.59						
onville, Mich., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. S. S.									
Lake, Ia., Mrs. Anna K. Nielsen in memory of Mrs. Ma-	2.00	2.00							
le Andersen, Sidney, Mont.	7.00							7.00	
re City, Ia., Marie Christensen	71.00							71.00	
h, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	10.00							10.00	
h, Wis., James B. Anderson of Our Savior's Luth. Church	50.00			50.00					
go, Ill., Atonement Luth. S. S. for Munshi Tudu	35.50							35.50	
alk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church									
insson, Minn., Pastor and Mrs. N. B. Hansen in memory									
of Dr. Alfred Thompson for building of a training school	5.00				5.00				
for pastors at Lamurde									
emory of Dr. Alfred Thompson for building of a training									
school for pastors at Lamurde, Sudan. Names of givers	145.00				145.00				
ublished by request*	143.20							143.20	
ag, S. D., Bethany Luth. Church	429.29							429.29	
, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Church	16.50							16.50	
ford, S. D., Nazareth Luth. S. S.	168.01							168.01	
onville, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. S. S.									
Horn, Ia., in memory of Hans Rattenborg, Atlantic, Ia.,	3.00			3.00					
or Parkijuli of the Santal Mission									
Horn, Ia., in memory of Chris Eskov, from relatives and	57.50			57.50					
riends. For Parkijuli, Santal Mission									
ard, Nebr., Lutheranettes of Emmaus Luth. Church, Life	6.75			6.75					
embership for Mrs. Merrit Klatz, Kennard									
ah, Wis., Women of Our Savior's Luth. Church for printing	6.00			6.00					
riptures in Colombia, South America	71.21			71.21					
ted, Ia., Iowa District W.M.S. Circuit Rally	51.12			51.12					
Canada District W.M.S. balance of project									
TOTAL	64850.13	14986.98	11733.42	13817.42	15679.74	1271.08	228.26	6750.23	383.00

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Extension Fd.
ously acknowledged	215111.61	128978.76	86132.85
la., friends in memory of Nick			
elsen of Bethlehem Luth. Church	11.00		11.00
Total	215122.61	128978.76	86143.85

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Blair, Nebr., Apr. 23, 1955.

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* In memory of Dr. Alfred Thompson: Miss Marie Mogensen and Mrs. Christine Lorensen each \$2, Mrs. Avis Gibson and Paul Mich.) \$3. The words Mr. and Mrs. are omitted to save space. Erwin Johnson, Kaj Paulsen, Anders Rosendahl and family, Mrs. Anna Petersen, and Lucile Andersen, Mrs. Anna Henningsen and Vivian, Vernie and Sharon Erickson, Minnie Thompson, Louis Jacobsen, Mr. Erickson, Alice Madsen, Mrs. Edna Fear, Mrs. I. Aagaard, \$60, Chris Thompson \$10, N. H. Rosendahl \$10, Charley Thompson \$10, E. Van Dyke and Family \$15, James Jacobsen, Wm. Thompson, Vernie Jacobsen and Mr. Arnold \$13, Mrs. Larsen, N. Dak., \$20. Total \$145.00.

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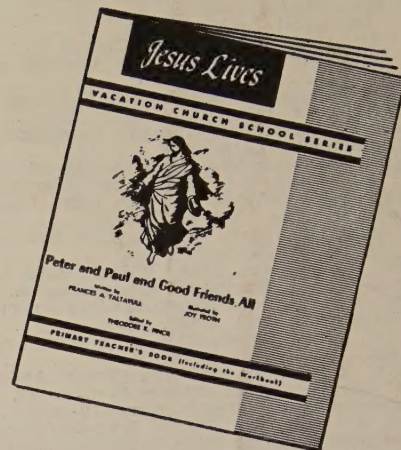


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